

R.M. of Caledonia No. 99 - Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Oct 10, 2023

Municipal Council Chambers – 105 Main St Milestone

Present	The reeve, Mark Beck, with the Oath of Office duly executed, called the meeting to order with the following councilors present: Division No. 1 Chris Williams Division No. 2 Aaron Davidson Division No. 3 Shoat Brice Division No. 5 Bill Stricklan Division No. 6 Darcy Phillips
Absent	Division No. 4 Chad Nicholas
Minutes	158-23 Brice: That the minutes of the last regular meeting held on the 13 th day of September 2022 be approved as read. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
Visitors	Rob Reeve, Public Works staff met with council to discuss any concerns or issues in the RM regarding road, mowing etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob Reeve and Dennis Carr are currently maintaining roads in all divisions• Currently mowing in Div 3, parry area with approx. 2 weeks remaining• Zayn Hutt had run the mower for a short time but has left to return to his full-time job• Rob open to assist in providing training to a new hire (once hired) (Rob was excused from council chambers at 9:20 am) <p>Reeve Beck updated council on the temporary hiring of Zayn Hutt for the vacant mower position and Dennis Carr to fill the other vacant operator position. Council asked Admin to inquire with SARM Insurance regarding the Liability of RM council operating RM owned equipment. From this discussion the following was resolved:</p>
	159-23 Williams: that the following employees be hired to fill the remainder of the 2023 season or earlier: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mower position \$30/hr• Seasonal operator, \$30/hr <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p> <p>D. Keys, the RM of Caledonia representative for the Coteau range Manor met with council to update council on the activities of the Coteau Range manor over that last six months and the immediate future on the Manor. Some of the discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential purchaser as discussed earlier this year is no longer interested in purchasing the Manor• Another potential has submitted a proposal for consideration• Manor board has met with SARM division rep to explore possible solutions• Discussed a potential request for financial assistance form the related RMs for expenses for daily operating or recent purchase of new carpet <p>D. Keys was excused from council at the conclusion of her presentation. From this discussion the following was resolved:</p>
	160-23 Phillips: That the RM of Caledonia will contribute 13% of the expense of the new carpet (approximately \$35,000) installed at the manor. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
Business Arising	Discussed the election results new councilor in attendance. Discussed the recent Job Posting and the application received to date. Admin will post a new ad to run and expand the search to other publications. Reeve Beck will discuss the position with 'local' operators to gauge interest. Discussed the Bentonite update. Little information to update as they continue to explore alternate routes and Sask Ag issues. Discussed the Ratepayers supper on Oct 25, 2023. Admin and Reeve Beck will look after the meal. Zacaruk Consulting and Lynn Kelly from the Bentonite project have confirmed attendance.
Unfinished Business	Discussed the Twinning project as it pertains to the RM of Caledonia No 99 and the subsequent request for the closure of that portion of Range Road 2195 as it pertains to the portion of the road directly south of Highway #39 to Town ship road 124. Materials from this road will be removed at no expense to the RM and utilized for the Twinning project. From this discussion the following was resolved:



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- 161-23 **Brice:** That the RM close that portion of road as identified in the previous discussion.
CARRIED
- Admin advised council of the Pre tender meeting attended by Admin staff, Zacaruk Consulting and potential bidders for the project. Between 6 and 8 contractors attended via zoom.
- List of Accounts 162-23 **Williams:** That the accounts as listed on Schedules “A” from check #5890 to #5907 & electronic payments #154 – 160 in the amount of \$466,013.39 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.
CARRIED
- Stat’t Rec./Pay’ts 163-23 **Phillips:** That the statement showing all cash receipts and disbursements for the month of September 2023 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
- Audit FS Draft 164-23 **Davidson:** That council acknowledge receipt of and approve the 2022 Draft of Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP and presented by the Administrator.
CARRIED
- Bank Recs 165-23 **Williams:** That we acknowledge the presentation of the Bank recs as presented and circulated for council review.
CARRIED
- Parry Pub Works 166-23 **Phillips:** That we accept the water samples for Parry Public Works dated Sept 2023 as prepared S Brice as received and presented in Dropbox.
CARRIED
- SARM Midterm 167-23 **Phillips:** That council and staff be authorized to attend the SARM midterm convention Nov 7-8 2023 in Regina with expenses pertaining thereto paid by the RM.
CARRIED
- Discussed the RM of Edenwold submitted resolutions and subsequent request for support. Informational purposes only.
- Dunnet Financials **Brice:** that the RM of Caledonia No 99 acknowledge receipt of the Dunnet Regional Park Authority Audited Financial Statements dated Dec 31, 2022 as received and presented in DropBox.
CARRIED
- Councilor Brice provided a brief overview of the Dunnet park in his capacity as the RM of Caledonia No 99 representative to the board.
- SECSO Bus Routes 168-23 **Phillips:** That the RM acknowledge receipt of the 2023-24 Southeast Cornerstone School Division Bus routes as received and presented and that a copy of the map be forwarded to PW foreman.
CARRIED
- Council discussed the verbal request from Cliff Strickland to connect his electric fence to the power source at the RM owned McCrystal well. From this discussion, the following was resolved: *Councillor B Strickland declared a pecuniary interest and excused himself from council chambers for the vote.*
- 169-23 **Phillips:** That C Strickland be authorized to connect their electric fence to the power source at the well at no cost in lieu of snow removal and maintenance provided at the well completed by the C Strickland.
CARRIED
- Councillor Strickland re -0entered chambers at the completion of this discussion.*
- Land Title Changes 170-23 **Davidson:** That council acknowledge the 2023 3rd Quarter Land Title changes as prepared and presented by the Administrator.
CARRIED
- Discussed Various Culverts within the RM as per various requests. All culvert requests will be reviewed by the councilors for the respective divisions.
- Councillor Beck advised council regarding his discussion with J Ross and farm access to his property at NW 20-12-19 W2. Tabled further discussion of this to a later meeting.

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| Comm Planning | 171-23 | Phillips: That the RM of Caledonia No 99 approve the Subdivision request SUBD-002104-2023 dated Oct 6, 2023 from the Ministry of Government Relations, Community Planning, as it pertains to SW 36-11-19 W2 as submitted and received. | CARRIED |
| SASK Energy | 172-23 | Williams: That council approve the SaskEnergy notice of construction for the property located At SE 26-11-19 W2 as submitted and received. | CARRIED |
| List of Tax Arrears | 173-23 | Brice: That the revised list of Tax Arrears at Sept 30, 2023 as authenticated by the Administrator be hereby acknowledged as presented and furthermore the 2022 Tax Enforcement List be advertised in accordance with the Tax Enforcement Act. | CARRIED |
| UMAAS Workshop | 174-23 | Williams: That the Administrator & the Assistant be authorized to attend the UMAAS workshop Oct 23, 2023 in Weyburn and that the office be closed for that day, with expenses shared on a 50/50 basis with the Town of Milestone. | CARRIED |
| Admin Report | 175-23 | Williams: That the Admin report as prepared by the administrator and presented in DropBox be acknowledged as received. | CARRIED |
| | 176-23 | Phillips: That council go in camera to discuss HR Issues. | CARRIED |

Admin staff was excused from council chambers at 11:45 prior to this discussion.

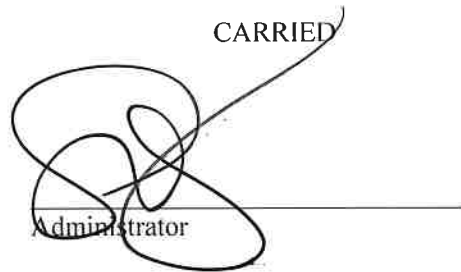
Correspondence The miscellaneous correspondence listed on the agenda was presented to council for their review and the same was filed for reference. A number of periodicals, newsletters, etc. were place on the council table for council perusal.

Adjourn 153-22 **Brice:** That we do now adjourn.

CARRIED



 Reeve



 Administrator

Meeting Commenced at 9:00 am

Adjourned at 11:55

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7st 2023 at 9:00 am